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Written and Edited by the Board of Directors

Harness Racing at the 2010 Afton Fair

By Georgia Baker

The tradition of harness racing continues at The Afton Fair this year on Thursday, July 22. We will be having a full program including County Fair races for two and three year old trotters and pacers, a race for older trotters and pacers and a return engagement The Billings Amateur Trot. The four year old and up trot will be a memorial for Ted Wickham and the four year old and up pace will be a memorial for Dick Andresen. Both horsemen were long time tenants of the Afton Driving Park and raced on the fair circuit as well as the raceways. They both passed away in 2009.

During the races we will have our tenth annual "Pick The Winner" game where one lucky person can win \$10.00 during each race just by making their choice of which horse will win the race. The winner is drawn by lot from all correct answers. Our audience has enjoyed this immensely in past years.

We will also feature an exhibit from The Hall of Fame of The

Trotter in Goshen, New York which showcases harness racing from its start. This is a beautiful set of large posters that will be on display for the entire week of the fair. We hope to encourage all to learn more about harness racing and hopefully become a racing fan.

Look for many other promotions during the fair which will focus on the sport of harness racing. Come and enjoy the races and our country fair.



Afton Fair Board Members John Niles, Frank Tingley and Dennis Fletcher accepting awards at the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs in Rochester in January 2010.

Vendor Update

By Rhonda Barriger

The 121st Afton Fair vendor list is coming together nicely, however, we are putting out a call for some different type of food items, crafts and novelties. If you can offer salads, low fat, whole grain or a unique ethnic menu not normally seen at agricultural fairs, crafts or novelties, please contact us through the website at

www.theaftonfair.com/vendors.shtml
or call the fair office at 607-639-1525.

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Advertising Sponsors

By Regina Birdsall

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizations and companies who have become advertising sponsors of the 2010 Afton Fair. We hope to add more to the list as we get closer to the fair: **NBT Bank, The Afton Sertoma Club, Madison Vinyl, Mead Westvaco, Bainbridge Pharmacy, Snake Bite Liquors, Burns Tent Rental and Jess F. Howes, Inc.**

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What Makes a Fair Run? Why Volunteers of Course!

By Peg Squire

We would like to highlight a few of the volunteers who made the 2009 Afton Fair Horse Show a success. The horse ring needs a lot of care each year to get it ready for the Fair and to make it available for the 4-H clubs to use for riding meetings and fun shows.

Last year we had a great volunteer who donated sand, trucking and the equipment and time to drag the ring. His care and attention to the ring made it a joy to use. A big thank you to Jerry Harris for his support.

There was also a husband and wife team at the ring with their tractor working the ring to be sure it was dry enough for use. They were very good at figuring out where to put some ditches to drain the wettest part of the ring. Thanks to 4-H leaders/parents Amy and Henry Schoelier.

We now have an ingate with wheels that make it OH so much easier to move the gate. The welding skills of 4-H father Kevin Gurnee made that possible. Thank you Kevin.

The "back 40" of the fair grounds that surrounds was kept mowed by 4-H father Tony Zurenda and 4-H Leader Dick Squire. Many thanks - everyone who parked their rigs near the arena appreciated the time and effort.

During the show itself, volunteers from all three local 4-H clubs (East River Riders, Hoof-N-Boots, and Northern Champions) dedicated their efforts to make the show run in a professional manner. Numerous volunteers came together in this effort to help make this important equestrian event at the Afton Fair a wonderful success.



These are just a few of the volunteers who helped to put on the 2009 Afton Fair Horse Show. Thank you to everyone who put in time to help make the show a success.

See you all at the 2010 Afton Fair Horse shows on July 24th and 25th.

Recent Website Updates

By Regina Birdsall

Updates to the website for the 2010 Afton Fair are in progress, however, there is much more to do. Recently updates to the Floral Hall section of the website were completed, as well as for the Open Horse Show. The Open Horse Show is still missing paperwork for the Senior Games. Those forms will be posted as soon as they are available.

The schedule for the fair is close to being completed and will be posted soon!

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